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In re Application Serial No. 231,274

Applicant: OXFORD et al

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RESPONSE

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
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SIR:

This is in response to the Official Action of June 12, 1989 in connection with the above-identified application. The Official Action is a restriction requirement urging that the application contains claims to four separate and distinct inventions.

More particularly, page 2 of the Official Action lists four separate and distinct inventions and requires that applicants elect one of these groups of inventions for prosecution on the merits. Applicants elect to prosecute on the merits in the present application, the Group I invention including claims 1-5, 11-17 and 21-25. This election is made without traverse although applicants retain all rights to filing one or more applications to the non-elected inventions.

In view of the above election and the Information Disclosure Statement of record, an early action on the merits is now believed to be in order and is most respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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